Cultural changes as a result of the Social Movements and Events of the 1960’s and 70’s

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Directions: The following question requires you to construct a coherent essay that integrates our interpretation of Documents A-H and your knowledge of the period referred to in the question. High scores will be earned only by essays that both cite key pieces of evidence from the documents and draw on outside knowledge of the period.

Question: How has the social culture in America changed because of the Social Movements and Events of the 1960’s and 70’s?

Document A

Assassinations
Dr. Martin Luther King April 4 1968
Robert F Kennedy June 1968
Malcolm X 1965
John F Kennedy 1963

Document B

Equal Pay Act of 1965
No employer having employees subject to any provisions of this section shall discriminate, within any establishment in which such employees are employed, between employees on the basis of sex by paying wages to employees in such establishment and they rate less than the rate at which he pays wages to employees of the opposite sex in such establishment for equal work on jobs, the performance of which requires equal skill, effort, and responsibility and which are performed under similar working conditions...

Document C

Mother, mother, there's too many of you crying
Brother, brother, brother, there's far too many of you dying
You know we've got to find a way
To bring some lovin' here today, hey

Father, father, we don't need to escalate
You see, war is not the answer, for only love can conquer hate
You know we've got to find a way
To bring some lovin' here today, oh

Picket lines - sister - and picket signs - sister
Don't punish me - sister - with brutality - sister
Talk to me - sister - so you can see - sister
Oh, what's goin' on - what's goin' on, what's goin' on - what's goin' on
Source: Marvin Gaye’s “What’s Going On”
Document E

We choose to go to the moon. We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win, and the others, too.

President John F. Kennedy speech to Rice University 1962

Document F

An Act

To enforce the constitutional right to vote, to confer jurisdiction upon the district courts of the United States to provide injunctive relief against discrimination in public accommodations, to authorize the Attorney General to institute suits to protect constitutional rights in public facilities and public education, to extend the Commission on Civil Rights, to prevent discrimination in federally assisted programs, to establish a Commission on Equal Employment Opportunity, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the “Civil Rights Act of 1964”.

Source: Library of Congress
Document Information and Inferences

Document A – Assassinations

- Assassinations of Civil Rights Leaders
- Assassinations of President who supports Civil Rights Leaders
- Turmoil in the society at deaths of great leaders

Document B – Equal Pay Act of 1965

- Women guaranteed right to equal pay
- Infers that women are not equal
- Paid less than men for equal work
- More women in the work force
- Changing status of women
- Equal opportunity for women

Document C – Lyrics for Marvin Gaye’s “What’s Going On”

- Anti War song
- Critical of government
- Brutality in America when protesting
- Peace and love needed

Document D – Photo: Anti War photo

- Military clash with student protestor
- Flower symbolizes peace and love
- Gun and war
- Two sides meet

Document E – Space Race

- JFK speech: Going to the Moon
- Signals a space race
- Conquer new territories
- New challenges in society

Document F – Civil Rights Act of 1964

- Enforcing of 13th and 14th and 15th Amendments
- Civil Rights for all
- Implies that some Americans do not have equal rights
- Public facilities are open to all
- Establishment of a Equal Employment Opportunity council